



February Trip Report

We all left the parking lot shortly after nine and headed north towards Laramie. After we crossed the state line we turned off on the Pumpkin Vine Road and waited for the end of the line to catch up. While waiting we watched a large herd of elk on the move to the west of us. What a beautiful sight! We also watched Dave Piller drive right by us and we thought he had decided to take the paved road all the way. The Pumpkin Vine had a little bit of snow on it, but nothing we couldn't handle in 2WD. After the obligatory stop for photos at the Ames Monument, we headed for our main destination, the Happy Jack Recreation Area.

When we got to Happy Jack, we were met by the Gollys and Dave P. The Gollys got there early to set up and save our spot and Dave just flat didn't see 15 vehicles beside the road waiting for him. Cotton brought in a load of wood and Ron set up the tripod for the cooking pot. Lori had the duty of opening all the cans of chili and dumping

them into the big pot. Everything was going just as planned. All the men were standing around the fire pit trying to get the fire lit. There must not have been a Boy Scout amongst them as Ron had to walk back to his Jeep to get some real fire starter. Ron threw in some venison and Coyote John tossed in a lump of frozen chopped onions. While the chili was getting hot in the pot, the attention turned to the sledding hill. It took the chili that long to get hot enough to eat and by that time everyone was ready to get some warm food in their belly. Ron dished out chili for a half an hour until everyone got their fill of the hot chili with fixins'. In the early afternoon it was time to clean the pot and douse the fire and head for the barn.

Now wait, there was still a lot of daylight left and 6 vehicles hadn't had enough fun yet. Ken, Troy, Craig, Shane, Ron & guest Kurt decided to try the drifts in the Pilot Hill Road area. The snow pack was the lightest they had ever seen for this time of year. They broke into two groups of three to search for the perfect drift. It didn't take long before both groups were snatching or winching each other out. It was just another great day of fun with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo





END-O-SUMMER

September 2nd, 3rd and 4th

This year's annual Colorado Association END-O-SUMMER event will be held in the Poudre River canyon west of Fort Collins. Two trips a day are planned on the Kelly Flats, Seven Mile, Crystal Mountain and Green Ridge Trails. Look for more details and the registration form in the next issue of High Trails.

You've Got Mail

Postage has went up again!

To help the Club please send your E-Mail address to JeepnDave (4x4@jeepndave.com) to get your newsletter by email.

Dues are Due

Dues are due. March meeting is your last chance. Dues are \$40.00 for members & \$15.00 for assoc. Members.



Club Trip

Seven Mile
Stump Hill
Meet at Albertson's at
9:00 AM
Sunday Mar. 19th

New Member

Don MacDonald #80

Guests at Last Meeting

Jason Wells

Brad Lester



Hot Wheels or Match Box Racing

At the March meeting we will be racing our Match Box or Hot Wheels 4 X 4 racers. Dan and Tara Venrick have built a true 4WD course that includes snow, water crossings, rocks and trees. They say that some of the racers will not complete the course and others will. You will get to choose your own starting point at the top of the course (4x8 plywood) and gravity will do the rest. There will be two racers at a time down the course and which ever one makes it to the bottom or the farthest on the course will be declared the winner and move on to the next bracket.

Rules

Stock Class: Racers must be 1/64th scale.

Racers must be a recognizable replica of a 4WD vehicle.

Racers may not be altered except for axle lubricant.

Modified Class: Weight is no object.

Racers must originally have been 1/64th scale.

Racers must be a recognizable 4WD vehicle.

The only means of propulsion is gravity.

The top of the tire can not be higher than the vehicles roof.

Dan is giving everyone a hint. He says that the 1/64th scale monster trucks might have an advantage. The judges, Dan and Tara, have final say on all disputes. Bob and Kim from 4X4 Off Road & Used Parts have sponsored this race and the winner in each class will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate redeemable at their store.



4x4 Classifieds

For Sale 2000 Rockwood Pop-Up trailer. Sleeps 6, 3 way refrigerator, Sink, Indoor or outdoor 3 burner stove, heater and awning. Mountaineer price \$3700.00 firm. Call Craig at 221-5524 for a private showing.

Dana 35C yoke conversion kit. Replaces straps with u-bolts. \$35 call Rich 970-217-4360

Tires for sale: Set of 4 P255/70R16 Kelly Safari AWR 50% tread or better \$175 Set of 4 P235/70R16 Goodyear Wrangler SR-A 50% tread \$150. 1 - 35x12.50R16 BFG All Terrain for a spare approx. 33% tread \$30. Call Ben 970-443-1875

For Sale:

Black SoftTop for YJ with soft upperHalf Doors \$100
Call or Email Dave at 970-310-7547 or 4x4@jeepndave.com

2001 Jeep Cherokee Sport 4x4, 6cyl., Auto, 4 door, 77K miles #S04275 \$8990

1999 Chevy Silverado 1500 LS Z71, 4x4, Ex. Cab, 3 door, short bed, 5.3L, Auto, 107K miles #T69976 \$10950

1971 Ford Bronco 4x4, 302 V8, 4 speed, very good shape \$3950
Call Ben 970-443-1875



Member Ride

We usually start our 4 wheel experience with a vehicle we deem adequate or build-able. And then the laws of nature kick in.

Roger started out with a red 1986 Toyota Pick up which he thought was set up as well as he needed to enjoy the 4 wheel experience.

He made a few runs and was happy with his vehicle. But as things go in 4 wheeling, things change. Especially one sunny day on Moody Hill after a few attempts backing on a uphill to find the right line, he found the tilt angle not to go past. Yes you guessed it he rolled and totaled his pickup. Fortunately, both him and Mom Stengaard were safe without a scratch.

After his fellow club members assisted him back on the road and a bit of body alignment he drove his pickup back down the road and loaded it on Dan Venrick's trailer to haul it home.



The trip home had him thinking of repairs and modifications. Do I just put on a different body, since the undercarriage seems ok? Or do I step up and spend \$\$\$ and maybe go the next step. In the weeks to come looking for an extended cab and friends and family talking to other 4 wheel enthusiasts, the plan started to come together.

A 1986 Burgundy/Black/Primer extended cab Toyota pickup was found. And other spare cab parts and modified axles and springs among other items were coming out of Toyota stashes everywhere.



The great finds he found on used parts left some money in the budget to go from IFS to solid axle on the front. And the two transfer cases he now had would allow for some super low gearing. Bartering and swapping got him the flat bed and paint job he wanted. Of course lets not forget the time spent welding, assembling, modifying by family and friends putting it all together. The advice and assistance by Dan Venrick, “the Toyota Guru” kept the project going in the right direction.

Of course the normal things like tires, suspension, etc; as we all 4 wheel, find we want bigger or better. But in the end each of us find we like our vehicle until the next modification thought crosses our mind.

A special thanks to everyone who assisted on this project Toyota.



Member's Rides

Name: Roger Stengaard

Unit #: 60

Ride Make & Model: 1986 Toyota Extended Cab Pickup

Color: Signal Green

Engine: 22R-E (stock)

Transmission: 5 Speed Manual

Transfer Case: Marlin Crawler - Dual transfer Case

Front End: Toyota Solid Axle - Detroit Locker

Rear End: 5:26 gears - Detroit Locker

Wheels & Tires: 35" All Terrain

Springs: All Pro lift "5+" (used front springs on rear for length)

Shocks: Rancho 9000 Adj.

Brakes: Stock

Other: 8000 lb Winch - mounts front or rear

Skid plates

Custom Bumper & Rocker Guards

Flat Bed with Diamond Plating

High Cross-over Steering

Custom ½ Fiberglass Doors by Jimmy's Custom Fiberglass

Current & Future: CB radio that works

Install gauge pod and gauges

AM/FM Radio

March 2006						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Brandon Kapperman John Arnold	4 Paul Dangler Jeff Paben
5	6 BOARD MEETING <i>Dave Oden</i>	7	8	9	10 Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry	11 Travis Golly
12	13	14 A&T Shively J&S Arnold	15 CLUB MEETING Darren Finger	16 Janice Marolf	17	18
19 CLUB TRIP Kelly Kapperman	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Lori Golly Matt Bacon	27 Sheila Mueller	28 Todd McCurry	29	30 Craig Stumbough	31	
		T&R McCurry				

April 2006						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 Sharon Kapperman D&P Oden	4 Valorie Miller	5 Christina Eddy	6 Kelly Mathers	7	8
9	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Cotton Riley</i> Kelly Pautvein	11	12	13 Bob Schleppey	14	15 Cassandra McCurry Jeff Paben
16	17 Pat Maes	18	19 CLUB MEETING	20	21	22
23/30 CLUB TRIP	24	25 Lorell Duteil Rich Stengaard	26	27 Dave Oden	28	29

Board Meeting: Apr. 10 7:30pm Cotton Riley
 May 8 7:30pm Troy White
 Membership Meeting: Mar. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Apr. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Mar. 19 9:00am **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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March Newsletter

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The following businesses give Mountaineer Members special discounts on parts or specific services. In other words, they save us money... and we are grateful.

<p>Ft. Collins 4X4 Center 1101 North College Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-5500</p>	<p>NAPA Auto Parts Ft. Collins 316 S. Link Ln. Ft. Collins, Colorado</p>	<p>CarQuest Auto Parts 2716 South College Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050</p>
<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication www.frii.com/~frorfab cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p>MTO Suspension 2649 E MulberrySt Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-416-1234</p>		<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>